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General Walter B. Smith, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

The purpose of this letter is to endorse a proposal which I understand Mr. Harriman is making to you today for the creation of a Working Group, under the chairmanship of the Central Intelligence Agency, within the Economic Defense Advisory Committee structure. The Group would be charged with furnishing full intelligence support on a continuing basis to agencies concerned with economic defense problems.

As you know, the President has directed the Secretary of State to coordinate activities in the economic defense field other than those conducted by the Director of Mutual Security pursuant to Public Law 213. In discharging this responsibility, the Director of Mutual Security and the Secretary of State by agreement operate through the structure of the Economic Defense Committee. Accordingly, the proposed Working Group appears to be a very desirable arrangement for providing the Department with the intelligence support which is necessary for its activities.

Sincerely yours,

Dear G. Acheson

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